

Formation Leaders:

Mandie DeVries

Mandie DeVries began her journey with CGS in 2004, and served for 13 years first as a catechist and then Director of Religious Education at All Saints Catholic Church in Des Moines, Iowa where 43 trained catechists and 27 other volunteers served 200+ children ages 0-12 each week using Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She and her husband Matt, who is also a trained CGS catechist, homeschool their 6 children. She is trained in all three levels of CGS, as well as receiving certification in Seminal Infant Toddler Formation in March of 2018, and is currently pursuing her Masters in Theology from St. Meinrad in southern Indiana. She strives each day to turn and become like a little child, so as to enter the Kingdom (cf Matt 18:3). In her blogs "[Family Fiat](#)", "[Faith Formation Begins at Home](#)", and "[Forever In Formation](#)" she writes of the adventures in CGS and her family. In September 2015, she was recognized as a CGS Level I Formation Leader by the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Lynn Marsh

Lynn Marsh, a Wichita native, came to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd after being invited to help with a materials making workshop and never left. She experiences the whole world as an atrium and brings her contemplative spirit to her work with the children. A gifted artist and teacher, Lynn makes building an atrium a prayerful and creative experience for course participants. Her wood-burned cenacle sets are now available for purchase at cgsusa.org!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Level I Adult Formation Course

**April 23-26,
May 28-31,
November 12-15, 2020**

Nazareth

House of Catechesis
of the Good Shepherd
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
866 N Socora, Wichita, KS, 67212

*A Catholic faith formation course for
adults working with young children
ages 3-6 in a parish, school,
or private setting*

Course Objectives:

- To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the 3 to 6-year-old child.
- To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 3 to 6-year-old child.
- To meditate on the Biblical and Liturgical themes presented to the 3 to 6-year-old child.
- To broaden your ability to observe and learn from the child, to listen to the Scriptures with the child, to deepen your own enjoyment of God.
- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the 3-6 Atrium environment, and in making the catechist's album and catechetical materials.
- 80% attendance is required for certification. In addition, 45 hours of observation in a Montessori and Atrium environment is highly encouraged.

Required Texts:

The Religious Potential of the Child by Sofia Cavalletti
The Good Shepherd and the Child: The Joyful Journey
by Sofia Cavalletti

Listening to God with Children by Gianna Gobbi

All are available at the National Assoc. of CGS:
www.cgsusa.org or
(708) 386-8032 or LTP.org

Dates:

Three Weekends in 2020

April 23-26

Thursday 4:00p-8:00p

Friday 9:00a-5:00p

Saturday 9:00a-5:00p & 7:00p-9:00p

Sunday 12:00p-5:00p

May 28-31 & November 12-15

Thursday 1:00p-8:00p

Friday 9:00a-5:00p

Saturday 9:00a-5:00p & 7:00p-9:00p

Sunday 12:00p-5:00p

2 additional materials nights

Dates TBD approx. 2 hours each

Level I Course Tuition-

\$250.00 St. Francis Parishioners

\$500.00 Non-parishioners

*Financial aid may be available from CGS
National Office*

www.cgsusa.org

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish/School

Affiliation: _____

Do you currently assist in an atrium? If so, where? At what level?

Please make checks or money orders payable to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (attn. CGS Formation).

Send this registration form with \$100 nonrefundable deposit. The remainder of the tuition balance is due **March 12, 2020**

to:

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
c/o Sarah Brenner
861 N Socora
Wichita, KS 67212

Please register early!

Registration will be open to non-parishioners beginning January 15. Attendees will be ensured a seat in the order the registration form and payment are received.